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SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZANU OFFICIAL CALLS FOR MOVEMENT ON UK/US
PROPOSALS

1. HENRY MAKONI, CHIEF ZANU REPRESENTATIVE IN ZAMBIA,
VISITED EMBASSY AT HIS REQUEST AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 13
AND SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR AND POLITICAL OFFICER. PURPOSE
OF MAKONI'S VISIT WAS TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER "LACK OF
MOVEMENT" ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY IN
LIGHT OF THE TALKS NOW UNDERWAY IN SALISBURY. ASSURED
THAT US STILL STOOD BEHIND THE PROPOSALS, MAKONI NEVERTHE-
LESS WAS OBVIOUSLY DISTURBED THAT THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS
SEEMED TO BE WAITING TO SEE WHAT WOULD COME OUT OF SMITH'S
DISCUSSIONS WITH MUZOREWA, SITHOLE AND CHIRAU.

2. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT TO MAKONI THAT IF THE PF CONTINUED
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TO RECOGNIZE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR
NEGOTIATIONS, THAT IMPLIED THAT THE PF WAS PREPARED TO
NEGOTIATE. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, HOWEVER, HAD TURNED DOWN
SEVERAL INVITATIONS TO ATTEND DISCUSSIONS OF THE PROPOSAL.
MAKONI REPLIED THAT THE PF DOES NOT OBJECT TO TALKS AS LONG
AS THE DISCUSSIONS ARE SERIOUS. HE SUGGESTED THAT FOREIGN
SECRETARY OWEN, OR EVEN LORD CARVER, SHOULD COME TO AFRICA

TO MEET WITH THE FRONT.

3. MAKONI CALLED ON THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 14, FOR A DISCUSSION ALONG BASICALLY THE SAME LINES. HE AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT TALKS ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS SHOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN OWEN AND THE PF, AND THAT THE MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: MAKONI DOES NOT IMPRESS US AS BEING VERY BRIGHT OR WELL INFORMED. HE IS NOT HIGH IN THE ZANU HIERARCHY. IN REPLY TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION, HE SAID THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY BUT THAT HE WAS SURE HE REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF THE PF LEADERSHIP. EMBASSY MAPUTO WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE ZANU'S IDEAS ON A PF MEETING WITH THE BRITISH. LOW

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